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In re Application of
Gerd BRANDHORST et al.
Serial No. 09/368,505
Filed: August 5, 1999



Examiner: Philippe DERAKSHANI

For: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

REPLY

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000.

REMARKS

Interview Summary
First Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the kind interview granted on August 25, 2000, and for the indication of allowability of the claims during the interview.

The Examiner objected to the application under 37 CFR 1.172(a) on the ground that the assignee has not established its ownership interest in the patent for which reissue is being requested. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the "Notarial Confirmation" which described the series of near-simultaneous transactions which transferred ownership of the patent from Thera Patent GmbH & Co. KG Gesellschaft für Industrielle Schutzrechte to ESPE Dental AG. True copies of

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